

# **Green Heron**

This shy bird hunts fish on California's rocky coast. When it is hungry, it often stands on rocks above the water to look for fish.

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The egret hunts crabs on California's rocky coast. The crabs live on the rocky bottom. When the bird walks in the water, it wiggles its feet to stir up the crabs.

Snowy Egret

# Worm

Many worms live in tidepools on California's rocky coast. Some live on top of rocks. Some live under the rocks. Others burrow into the sand.

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Limpets hold tight on tidepool rocks on California's rocky coast. Their shells protect them. They move slowly on the rocks and eat the seaweed that grows on them.

Limpet

# **Sanderling**

This bird runs back and forth on the wet sand. The sand actually comes from worn down rocks! Wet sand is home to tiny animals the bird likes to eat.

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Mussels hold tight on tidepool rocks on California's rocky coast. They make their own "cement" and they do not move around. They wait for waves to bring tiny bits of food to them.

California Mussel

# **Elephant Seal**

Seals swim in the ocean along California's rocky coast. When they get cold or are ready to have a baby, they come to shore. Seal pups are born on the rocks on the coast and islands.

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on the rocks.

In the fall, sea lions swim a long way looking for food. During this trip, they visit on California's rocky coast. They rest and get warm

California Sea Lion

#### **Hermit Crab**

At the shore, rocks hold ocean water in small pools. These pools are called tidepools. Hermit crabs live here. They crawl along the gravel bottom of their pool looking for food.

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Some worms live in the forest soil. The soil is made of tiny bits of rock and decaying plants and animals. Earthworms "eat" the soil and help make it richer.

Earthworm



# Lichen

Lichen is yellow, gray, or even orange. It does not need soil to grow. Instead, it grows on rocks. As it grows, it wears the rocks down!

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and stays close to streams. It rests on rocks and sips water from

This butterfly has bright orange wingtips. It flutters past oak trees

Lorquin's Admiral

wet sand and mud.

### **Ponderosa Pine**

This is a tall pine tree. Its strong deep roots take hold in the gravel-filled soil. Some young pine trees can even grow in the cracks of big rocks.

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rocky perch.

Sometimes coyotes stand on large boulders at the edge of the forest. It gives them a good view. They yip and howl from their

Coyote



# **Black Bear**

Bears rest during the cold winter. They find a hole in a tree, or space under a fallen log or a rock ledge. This is their den.

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Deer look for food in meadows. In the spring, they eat grass, leaves, and berries. Sometimes they hide in the rocks or seek water in a rocky stream.

Black-tailed Mule Deer



### **Pika**

Pikas live on rock piles in the rocky hills above the forest. They collect seeds in the fall and save them for winter. The seeds are stored in a safe place in the rock pile.

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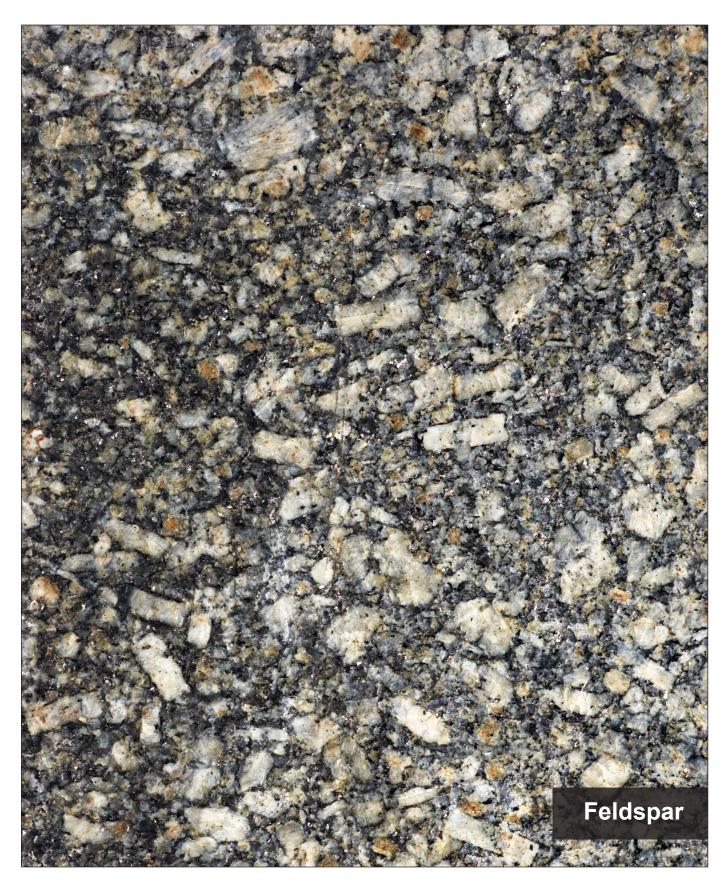


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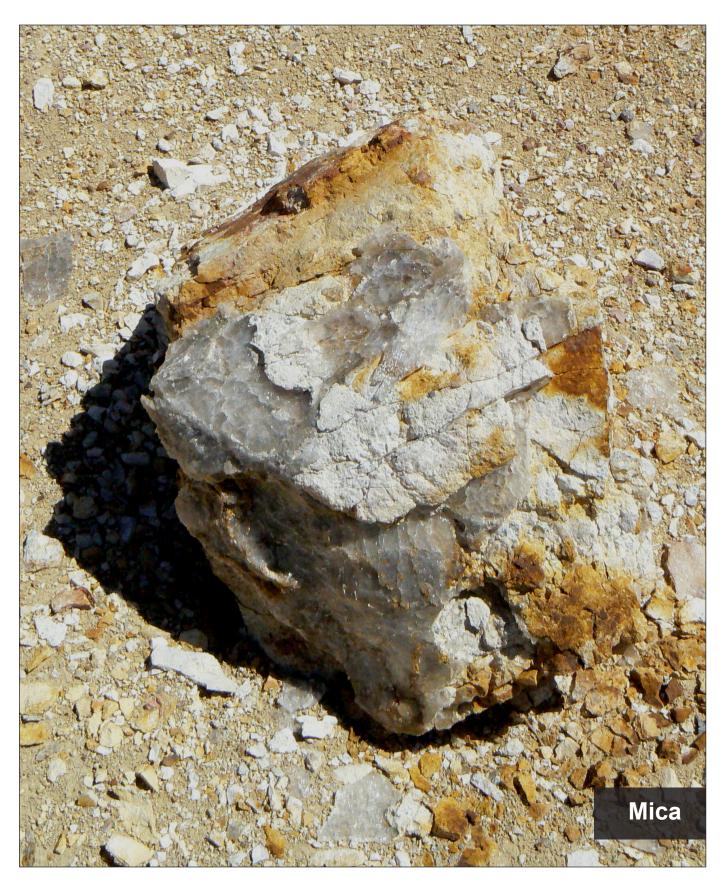
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These fish live in cold mountain streams. Big rocks in the streams create deep pools for adult trout. The gravel bottom of the stream is a good place for trout eggs.

Steelhead Trout

















Food flavor

